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## Rev. Edward A. Powers Elected To New Post

The Rev. Edward A. Powers, Boston, Mass., has been elected general secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches.

Mr. Powers will assume his new office immediately. He will be in charge of all the Christian Education work of the denomination, which is engaged in a major expansion of Sunday School curriculum and other teaching materials for local churches.

Mr. Powers will administer the staff developing a new million dollar curriculum for the United Church of Christ and will supervise a program to train 2,000 Christian education "associates" who will, in turn, aid local churches throughout the country in improving their educational work.

The division of Christian education is in charge of administering local church, regional and national Christian education programs for children of all ages, youth and adults. It also conducts research in education and leadership training in aid of local church educational work.

Mr. Powers has been secretary of young people's work for the Board of Home Missions since 1956. He was chief administrator of the 150,000 members of Pilgrim Fellowship, the youth group of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Prior to 1956 he was pastor of the Congregational Christian Church in Pleasant Hill, Ohio, for three years. From 1949 to 1953, he was minister of the Dunbar United Church, Hamden, Conn.

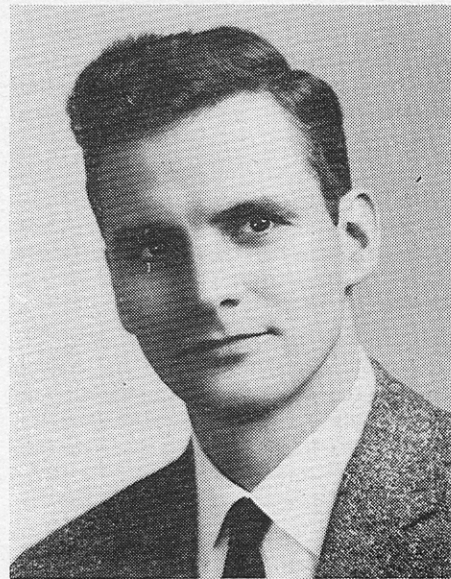
Mr. Powers is a native of Jamestown, New York. He is a graduate of The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and he received the Bachelor of Divin-



EDWARD A. POWERS

ity degree from Yale University Divinity School in 1952.

He is married to the former Ella



GAYLORD B. NOYCE

Pierson of Hockenssin, Delaware. They have three children. The family lives in Natick, Massachusetts.

## Pilgrim Fellowship - Youth Fellowship Conference

The annual Pilgrim Fellowship-Youth Fellowship Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Young people from Evangelical and Reformed Churches in the area and the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southeast Convention will attend the sessions which will begin with registration at 8:30 a. m. on Saturday and close following the noon meal on Sunday.

The Reverend Gaylord B. Noyce, Minister of The United Church, Raleigh, N. C., will deliver the keynote address on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Noyce is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1947) and of Yale Divinity School (1952).

Mr. Noyce served as Assistant Min-

ister at Hancock Congregational Church, Lexington, Mass., from 1952-54 before accepting the call to the United Church. He has been quite active in youth work and has served as a part-time instructor in the Department of Social Studies of North Carolina State College.

Reverend Edward A. Powers, who has been serving as Secretary for Youth Work of the Congregational Christian Churches (note article about his new office), will conduct a Workshop for Advisors and Ministers on Saturday afternoon and will preach at the Sunday morning service.

Miss Peggy Hammock, president, will preside over the sessions. Officers for the coming year will be elected and installed on Sunday. The Reverends Arnold Slater and Harold Henderson are host pastors for the event.



## Message Of Friendship Issued By Church Women

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA. — The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches today issued a message of friendship to "all who are of the Jewish Community."

Speaking for the 700,000 member women's group which is holding its annual president's conference this week, Miss Lillian S. Gregory, Chicago, said in part:

"Anti-Semitism is a blight upon the pages of history and a sin against humanity. Racism is an unknown concept in today's world. Christians and Jews share a common heritage. That you walk the way of Moses and we of Jesus does not nullify our common faith in the God and Father of us all. To harbor anti-Semitic attitudes is a denial of Him whom we Christians acclaim as our Lord. We lament the acts of vandalism, violence, and hatred which have occurred in the world and particularly within our own land, which have brought either fear or discomfort to your community.

"Let this letter speak to you of our friendship and good will, our common goals in life and our faith in a world freed of malice and force."

The message from Miss Gregory, who is executive secretary of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, was directed to the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

## Urgent Clothing Needs

The importance of United Clothing Appeal is heightened dramatically by the challenge of World Refugee Year.

In Japan over a million families have been made homeless in recent weeks. In Europe 27 million pounds of clothing are needed for homeless, jobless people. Millions of refugees in the Middle East, Hong Kong, Korea, and Formosa are totally dependent upon voluntary agencies for their clothing needs. And the number of refugees increases daily by the hundreds as more and more people flee from fear and oppression into Austria, France, Italy, Greece, and Hong Kong.

In the United States, good clothing is often discarded casually. United Clothing Appeal urges us to give through our churches good, used clothing and have it sent to people for whom it may mean a difference of life and death.

There is an emergency need for clothing at the collection center in Modesto, California, for relief of typhoon victims in Japan. For information on United Clothing Appeal, write to Church World Service, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Guest leaders for Spring Ministers Convocation, May 3-5, to be held at Camp Winnataska, near Birmingham, will be Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, formerly Minister of the Missions Council, and Rev. Russell T. Loesch, Minister to Armed Forces and Chaplains.

## A Project For Children And Youth

To many boys and girls in this country life in a tent seems like a wonderful lark. And having daddy home all day usually is a rare event. But to boys and girls in other parts of the world, particularly in the Near East, these circumstances are a grim commonplace. Thousands of Arab boys and girls under the age of ten were born in tents and have lived all their lives in refugee camps entirely dependent on relief from the United Nations and concerned church groups. To them the greatest fun of all might be to live in a solid house with a father to welcome home at the end of a day's work.

The needs in such camps are almost too great to enumerate. Some of them which are being met through Church World Service or the Congregational Christian Service Committee are clothing (almost all of the clothing which Arab refugees possess has come from churches) supplemental food (the United Nations ration is inadequate and does not apply to recently born children) and rehabilitation and vocational projects (to make it possible for adults to learn new means of livelihood.)

Money gifts to your Congregational Christian Service Committee will help in these typical ways: \$1.00 will buy enough leather for sandals for two children in a Gaza refugee camp; \$5.00 will give vocational training to a young person in Jerico; \$10.00 will distribute four pounds of flour per month for six months to 100 children in West Jordan who are TB victims; \$20.00 will give a month's relief work to four women making new children's garments out of contributed yard goods.

Material gifts are also needed. Your church school classes or youth groups may assemble and pack "Friendship Packets." Directions for making Children's Packets, School Kits, Mothers Packets, Fathers Packets, Mend-It, Needle Work, Knitting, Medical and Self-Help Kits may be had by writing to the Congregational Christian Service Committee at 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y. Money gifts should be sent to your State Conference designated for the Service Committee work in Lebanon.

The General Synod of the United Church will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, July 6-8, 1960, to consider the proposed Constitution for the United Church.

## "LET'S GO TO WORKSHOP"

Something wonderful is coming! You will enjoy it! Your church will grow and so will you! Now, if you will finish reading this article you will know **What, When, and Where** this THING will take place.

In August 1960, there will be three Leadership Growth Workshops in the Southeast Convention. At each of these we will have three National Christian Education leaders to share with us. These three are: Rev. Walter Dobler, secretary of Adult Work and Family Life; Rev. Howard F. Boardman, department of Leadership and Field Program; and Miss Mildred Widber, secretary for Leadership Training.

Our three national leaders are expert in their respective fields — adult work, youth work, and children's work. Therefore, it is suggested that your church send three persons to this

Workshop, one for each of these three fields. So, if you are working in or are interested in adult work, youth work, or children's work, mention to your church or pastor that you would like to attend one of these workshops, choosing whichever dates are most convenient for you.

The dates and places are as follows: August 11-14, Southern Union College; August 14-18, Pine Mountain, Georgia, Roosevelt State Park; August 19-21, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

This is what we've been waiting for! So let's make our plans now and have each church represented at one or more of the workshops. More about the workshops in later issues.

Shirley Berry, Chairman  
SEC Committee on  
Christian Education



# People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

## Fellowship Group Formed At Columbus-Phenix City

A group of women representing the Women's Fellowships of all the Congregational Christian Churches in Columbus, Georgia, and Phenix City, Alabama, met at the First Congregational Christian Church in Phenix City on January 29, 1960, and formed the Columbus-Phenix City Women's Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches. Mrs. Harry Barr of Phenix City was elected president; Mrs. W. S. Woods of Columbus, vice-president; Mrs. Leroy Edwards, Phenix City, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Peace, Columbus, recording secretary.

The main business of the meeting was to make plans for the World Day of Prayer Service to be held March 4 at the Russell Woods Church. This is being sponsored by all the churches.

Mrs. Alfred G. Peacock presided. Those attending the meeting were: Mrs. Alfred G. Peacock, Mrs. Bernice Peace, First Congregational Christian Church in Columbus, Georgia; Mrs. Ruth Ward, Mrs. W. S. Woods, and Mrs. W. B. Lloyd, Rose Hill Church, Columbus; Mrs. Otis Hilyer, Mrs. Lorene Casey, Mrs. Malone Simmons, and Mrs. Leroy Edwards, First Congregational Church, Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Herbert Long and Mrs. Harry Barr, Russell Woods Congregational Church, Phenix City, Alabama.

## Central Georgia District Pilgrim Fellowship Rally

Central Georgia District had its Rally on January 31, 1960. The theme was, "Thy Kingdom on Earth." We met at United Congregational Christian Church in LaGrange.

First Church, Columbus, had the program on "Edge of the Village" because we are studying Africa.

Rev. Raymond Berry, pastor of United Church, LaGrange, gave a good talk on the United Christian Youth Movement. He told us about the different types of UCYM.

Lindianne Roberson, president, led the business session. This was followed by games and refreshments. The games were led by Miss Melissa Kelley, and

## Russell Woods Women's Fellowship Stages Skit

The Women's Christian Fellowship of Russell Woods Congregational Church held its annual banquet recently with Africa as the theme. The tables were decorated with typical African scenes with huts, animals, and natives. The programs were printed on a map of Africa and native songs were sung. A television skit, written by Mrs. Harry Barr, using missionary material and a true story about an illiterate Negro woman who founded the first orphan's home in Africa, was presented with Mrs. Barr playing the part of the Negro woman. Mrs. Herbert Long played Mrs. Lapsely, whose home was the scene of the play. Mrs. Eulas Floyd was the announcer and Mrs. Marcha Bonner was the narrator. Thirty-five attended the banquet.

The Russell Woods Church has had many activities recently. Reverend Herbert Long was given a surprise birthday party at his home. The church presented him with a sport coat.

A Fellowship Supper, followed by a midnight supper was enjoyed on New Year's Eve.

The ladies surprised Mrs. Long, wife of the pastor, with a party on her birthday, held during a work night at the church. The ladies painted the tables and chairs in the Sunday School rooms and put up new curtains. After the work, Mrs. Long's Secret Pal presented her with a cake, and each member gave her a small gift.

The Women's Fellowship also had a stork shower, and presented the program, "A Ball for Baby." A large layette was received to be sent to Ryder Memorial as a part of our Friendly Service quota.

The officers of the Sunday School met recently and mapped out their spring plans. One contest starts February 1st, lasting through February. Another program begins later and carries through Easter. The date for Bible School was set for June 6 through June 10. The parade will be June 6.

the refreshments were served by Mrs. Watt Kelley and Mrs. Handley Brown.

Reporter: Judith Williams  
1011 Park Avenue  
LaGrange, Georgia

## Christmas Pageant Held Williams Chapel Church

One of the highlights of the Christmas season at Williams Chapel in Waycross, Georgia, was the beautiful and most inspiring Christmas program put on by the Young People's Fellowship, and also by the smaller children of the church. This was one of the most complete stories of the birth of Jesus ever presented in our church.

All lights were out and only candles burned during the program to light the church, giving the story even more meaning. Beautiful Christmas hymns were sung by the special choir of young people during the program.

Miss Joyce Thomas, Young People's advisor, was responsible for this very inspirational program, and we appreciate every effort she made in planning this program. She was assisted by Mrs. Verlie Long, who is also good in planning and working with young people. Mrs. E. P. Wildes worked with the small children in their part on the program. Our thanks go out to all those who helped make this Christmas program the success it was. Our thanks also to Mr. N. A. Long who decorated the manger scene for us.

Mrs. Lois Shepard  
Assistant Reporter

## Peggy Hammock Chosen "Miss Southern Union"

Miss Peggy Hammock, SEC-PF president, and a sophomore at Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama, has been chosen "Miss Southern Union" for 1959-1960. Peggy is also president of Pilgrim Hall, girls' dormitory at SUC; she is president of U. C. F.; a member of the Student Council; and secretary-treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity. She is assistant editor of "The Bison", SUC yearbook; a member of the choir; pianist for a girls' trio; and several summers has been a Student Summer Service Worker. Last summer she attended the U. S. F. National Assembly and Conference held at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska.

Southern Union College and the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship can well be proud of their own Peggy Hammock.



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## Superintendent's Corner

The Mid-Winter Meetings of our Congregational Christian Churches afford an interesting opportunity to learn more about the "mission of the church" as it is translated into the activities of the Board of Home Missions, the Congregational Christian Service Committee, the Council for Social Action, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Missions Council.

Because the budgets of these organizations are so large, ministers and local churches tend to take for granted that they have more than enough money to carry on the work that should be done. Does it come as a shock to you that this is not the case?

The American Board suffers, the Council for Social Action . . . the Service Committee . . . the Missions Council . . . the Home Board . . . all suffer because of the need for additional funds to carry on necessary programs and institutions and services.

The gift of your church to Our Christian World Mission is, therefore, important. Whether it is large or small, your contribution helps carry on the work.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

February 13-14 — Daisy-Soddy, Tennessee  
February 16-18 — Pre-Lenten Minister's Convocation, Franklinton Center  
February 25-26 — Town and Country Church Committee of United

## Christian Higher Education Declarations Of Intention

The following churches have sent signed "Declaration of Intention" forms to the Southeast Convention Office indicating the goals they have accepted in the Christian Higher Education Fund campaign. The churches marked by an \* sent in their forms since the last listing was made in the January issue of THE SOUTHEAST NEWS.

#### Kentucky - Tennessee

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Crossville    | \$ 450  |
| Daisy         | 450     |
| Deer Lodge    | 150     |
| Evarts*       | 450     |
| Glen Mary     | 150     |
| Knoxville     | 3,000   |
| Nashville     | 750     |
| Pleasant Hill | 900     |
| Robbins       | 100     |
|               | \$5,950 |

#### Georgia

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Atlanta, Center*       | 50      |
| Atlanta, Central       | 3,600   |
| Barnesville, Fredonia* | 250     |
| LaGrange, United       | 1,200   |
|                        | \$5,100 |

#### Alabama

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Birmingham, Pilgrim* | 1,000   |
| Wadley*              | 500     |
|                      | \$1,500 |

Grand Total Pledged \$12,550

Moulton, Jones Chapel, of the North Alabama Association has paid its goal in full but has not sent in the form.

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Pledged to Date        | \$12,550.00 |
| Moulton, Jones Chapel pd.    | 25.00       |
| Ky.-Tenn. Summer Conf. pd.   | 31.27       |
| Grand Total Pledged and Paid | \$12,606.27 |

These figures indicate that we already have reached one-half of our goal of \$25,000. How wonderful it would be if all of our churches would take action now so that we could report the convention goal of \$25,000 completely subscribed by the time of the annual meeting in April.

HAS YOUR CHURCH TAKEN ACTION?

WHY NOT DO SO NOW?  
ACCEPT YOUR CHEF GOAL!!!

Church, Oak Park, Ill.

February 28 — Wadley, Alabama  
March 1 — Southeast Regional Meeting Committee, Raleigh, N. C.  
March 6 — Birmingham, Alabama  
March 12-13 — Southeast Convention PF-YF, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Women's Fellowship Spring Rallies

(Names of Presidents Given)

March 19 — Central Georgia, LaGrange United Church, Mrs. Troy Wood, Day Meeting  
March 20 — North Georgia, Center Church, Atlanta, Mrs. Grace Puckett, 4-8 p. m.  
March 23 — South Georgia, Vanceville Church, Mrs. Loyd Vickers, Day Meeting  
March 24 — Central Alabama, East Tallassee Church, Mrs. Willa Durden, 6-9 p. m.  
March 26 — S. Alabama- N. W. Florida, Andalusia, First Church, Mrs. J. R. Brackin, Day Meeting  
March 27 — East Alabama, Lanett Church, Mrs. Harvetta Barr, 3-6 p. m.  
March 28 — North Alabama, Birmingham, Pilgrim Church, Mrs. Locke White, Day Meeting  
March 30 — Kentucky-Tennessee, Daisy, Mrs. Claude Pendergrass, Day Meeting

## Dates To Remember

February 19-20 — Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship Officers Planning Session  
March 12-13 — Pilgrim-Youth Fellowship Annual Meeting, Chattanooga  
March 15-18 — Training Session for Summer Conference Leaders, Avon Park  
April 2-3 — Southeast Convention Annual Meeting, Andalusia, Alabama  
May 3-5 — Spring Minister's Convocation  
May 27-29 — Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat  
July 16-17 — Georgia-South Carolina Women's Fellowship Retreat  
July 22-23 — Alabama-N. W. Florida Women's Fellowship Retreat  
**Dates For Young People**  
March 12-13 — PF-YF Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
June 5-11 — Ky.-Tenn. Summer Conference  
June 17-25 — National PF-YF, Elmhurst  
June 19-July 3 — Work Camp at Bricks  
July 3-16 — Work Camp at Southern Union  
July 31-August 6 — Alabama - N. W. Florida Summer Conference  
August 14-20 — Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference



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### Echoes From Southern Union

Walter A. Graham, President

Two new faculty staff members have been added to the Southern Union College family for the winter quarter. Mrs. James (Betty) Cleveland of Wadley will teach Accounting. Betty will merely be returning home as she was on the faculty back in 1952.

The new member of the staff is Mr. Bobby Jack Pemberton of Tallassee, who will be the Director of Public Relations and Recruitment. Mr. Pemberton is the brother of Phoebe Pemberton, an alumnus of the class of 1959. He is a graduate of Auburn University, and has done graduate work at the University of Alabama.

This is the time of the year when high school seniors are making their plans to enter college next fall. Southern Union is interested in making available, not only to high school seniors but to their parents, teachers, and ministers, all possible information about courses, dormitories, scholarships and financial arrangements. While the college has several representatives available, in addition to Mr. Pemberton, the aid of all interested people, including alumni, in the all-important job of student recruitment is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

The recent Mid-Winter Meetings of the Missions Council at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, saw together a large number of Southern Union College supporters, especially members of the Board of Trustees. Present at the special luncheon at the meetings were: Board Chairman Pressley Ingram; members, Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Miss Lillian Gregory, Rev. Robbins, Theodore Schwartz, Mrs. Mary Lou Brasseur, Dr. Earl Daniele; friends, Mrs. Jettie Logan, Miss Marquerite Davison, Mrs. Mildred Ralph, Rev. Melvin Dollar, and President Graham.

The folks at the college, as well as the friends across the country, are gratefully rejoicing at the action taken by the National Women's Fellowship in announcing that the Woman's Gift for 1960-1962 includes an allocation of \$50,000.00 for the new library. It is the hope of the Administration that the Board of Home Missions may find it possible and desirable to advance this money so that construction of the library can be started immediately. The

### Activities And Progress Reported By Todd Church

Todd Congregational Church, Shawmut, Alabama, is making much progress. The attendance has greatly increased at both morning and evening services; Sunday School attendance has also increased; and there is a growing interest in the program of the church.

Our new pastor, the Rev. A. C. Nelson, called a meeting of the Deacons and Trustees and recommended goals for the year 1960 which was adopted. The church voted approval of a budget recommended by pastor and officers, including our pledge to Our Christian World Mission.

The church enjoyed a beautiful Christmas play, "The Night of the Birth of Christ." Characters were the Sunday School children. They were dressed in beautiful costumes. The sponsors were Mrs. Annie Lee Yates and Mrs. Jessie Frost. After the play the group was invited into the Fellowship Hall where the children exchanged gifts which had been placed on a beautifully decorated tree, and the adults gave gifts of money to the building fund debt.

After the program, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wallace entertained the group by serving cake and coffee.

Recently we received six new members into the church, and a Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized, with Mrs. Erma Gray and Mrs. Eva Cantrell as sponsors. We hope to make 1960 one of the best years for the church.

Mrs. Arnold Wallace, Reporter

need for the library, as well as the use of the space now occupied for class rooms, continues to be critical.

The word "thanks" can never be used too often in these "ECHOES" in sincere appreciation to all the churches, groups of men and women, as well as individuals, for their continued support of the college. Recently, a lady sent a check for \$1.00 with the statement that she was behind the college, and while her gift was not very large, she wanted us to use it to buy postage stamps to put on letters to people more able to give and she would then feel she had helped a whole lot. Her spirit is evidence of real Christian stewardship, and all of us are grateful.

### HERE AND THERE

Southern Union College is featured on the back of the Missions Council Church Calendar for use by Congregational Christian churches across the country on Sunday, February 21.

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Attending the Mid-Winter Meeting of our denomination recently held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., were Mrs. Jettie Logan, President of the S. E. Convention Women's Fellowship, Mr. Pressley Ingram, President of the S. E. Convention Churchmen's Fellowship. Dr. Walter A. Graham, President of Southern Union College, Rev. Annie R. Campbell, Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, and Superintendent J. H. Lightbourne Jr.

Rev. Dixon B. Stimson, former pastor of Union Hill Church, Pearson, Ga., and now of Lake View, Iowa, was present and sends greetings.

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The Sunday morning services of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church now are being televised over Channel 6 every Sunday at 11 a. m.

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The ministers of the East Alabama Association held a supper meeting at the Lanett Church on Tuesday, January 26, to discuss plans for the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign in the Association.

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Dr. Kenneth Kohler and Dr. Walter Graham escorted 11 pigs, 6 bulls, 7 heifers, 5 goats, several pens of rabbits, and one donkey stallion to Haiti in December. These were gifts to the local people.

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Rev. Harold Henderson, Minister of the Daisy and Soddy Churches, Tenn., served a tour of 15 days of active duty in the Air Force Reserve in January.

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The Nominating Committee of the Southeast Convention met at the Langdale Church on Monday, Feb. 8. Members of the committee are Mrs. Jettie Logan, Rev. Charles Bell, Rev. Clarence Baldwin, Rev. Carroll Lewis, Mr. Paul Beaird, and Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Chm.

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The final figures for the Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross for 1959 show that a total of \$160,109.26 was received from Congregational Christian Churches across the country.



## Lynnhaven Colony Church Calls Rev. S. D. Nelson

The Reverend Samuel D. Nelson Jr., minister of the Barnesville Congregational Christian Church, has been called to the Lynnhaven Colony Community Church, Virginia, effective March 1.

The church, which was begun in 1956, has become a member of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. It has a Sunday School enrollment of 187 and a church membership of 76. Located in a rapidly growing community, it is expected to experience substantial growth.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Nelson of LaGrange, Ga., Mr. Nelson is a graduate of Elon College and Emory University Candler School of Theology.

After serving the Barnesville Church while a student at the Candler School of Theology, he became the first full-time pastor of the church. Under his leadership the church has made sound progress.

Mr. Nelson is a past moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention. Mrs. Nelson is the secretary of the Southeast Convention.

## Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Horton To Visit Southeast Area

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Horton will visit in the Southeast Convention area the latter part of March and the early part of April.

Formerly Minister of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Dr. Horton recently retired as Dean of the Harvard U. Divinity School.

Mrs. Horton was president of Wellesley College and wartime director of the Waves. She recently was elected president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

On Monday, March 21, Dr. and Mrs. Horton will meet with United Church (CC & ER) ministers and their wives at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta. Later in March and April they will visit our churches in Birmingham, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville.

## Mrs. Loy L. Long Speaker Women's Fellowship Rallies

Mrs. Loy L. Long, who has spent 18 years working in social welfare centers in India, will speak at all of our Spring Women's Fellowship Rallies from March 19 to March 30, 1960.

A Congregational Christian missionary, Mrs. Long has worked along with her husband in three large social settlements in Sholapur, Ahmednagar, and Bombay, organizing recreational and industrial welfare projects for women and children, especially those in the lower income groups. These settlements were founded by the denomination's American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the first organization in India to pioneer in the field of social work.

In 1937, in order to provide employment for famine victims in Ahmednagar, Mr. and Mrs. Long explored the possibility of utilizing for industrial purposes the fibre from sisal plants growing like weeds in the area. Designing their own dyeing vats, looms and other tools, they taught unemployed men and women to card, dye, weave and sew the fibre into hats, sandals, bags, belts, and carpets, giving regular employment to more than 100 and part-time work to 500. It is run on a non-profit, self-supporting basis, with a program of education, recreation, religious education and public health augmenting the industrial program.

In order to help the sisal fibre industry maintain a stable market, Mrs. Long started the CRAFTS sale center in Bombay, which today not only serves the sisal workers but thousands of artisans in forty other welfare centers in India.

In appreciation for her services to the people of India the Indian government awarded Mrs. Long the Kaiser-illind service medal.

Born in Kansas, she studied at the College of Emporia, Kansas; Columbia University and Oberlin College.

Mr. and Mrs. Long now make their home in Auburndale, Mass. Mr. Long is Personnel Secretary of the American Board.

The Longs have three children, Delmar, Joan, and Carol.



MRS. LOY L. LONG

## Cole Lectures And Convocation At Vanderbilt Divinity School

Because of the dedication of the new Divinity Quadrangle the Cole Lectures and Convocation of the Vanderbilt Divinity School will be held March 21-22 this year. The Service of Dedication will be held at 10:15 on Monday, March 21.

There will be four outstanding lecturers this year. Prof. L. Harold DeWolf will deliver the first lecture at 3:30 p. m. on Monday. The Alumni Class Reunion Dinner will be held at 6 p. m. and at 8 p. m. Prof. Wayne E. Oates will deliver the second lecture.

On Tuesday Prof. Roland Bainton will deliver the third lecture at 9:30 a. m. The Alumni Banquet will be held at noon. The concluding lecture will be given by Professor Walter Harrelson, to be followed by the final worship service at 4:30 p. m.

The Convocation this year will afford an unparalleled opportunity for the ministers of our area to hear four of the outstanding religious thinkers in America, as well as to enjoy the fellowship which is always an outstanding feature of the Cole Lectures.